GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION PROTECTION OF MINERAL RESOURCES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to promote and protect the vast mineral resources in the country especially in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) to (c): For conservation and systematic developments of Minerals, the Central Government in term of Section 18 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 have notified Mineral Conservation and DevelopmentRules , 1988 (MCDR) which are applicable in all States including Orissa.

To promote exploitation of mineral resources of the country as per the National Mineral Policy,1993, the exploration and exploitation of all non fuel and non-atomic minerals have been thrown open to private entrepreneurs. Government is making all efforts to increase investment in the mining sector by creating investor friendly climate and removing bottlenecks to attract such investment.